steps as may be practicable for mainting the supply of water to the city close to 409 MGD.

Provision of Sinks in Type III Quarters in DIZ Area

3341. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a proposal under Government's consideration to provide sinks in the kitchens of Type III quarters in Sector 'D', D.I.Z. area;

(b) if so, whether these sinks have since been provided; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for delay and by when these are likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Due to reasons of economy on account of drought, works of such nature as could be postponed have not been sanctioned by the Government during the current financial year. It is difficult to indicare the precise time which the facility would be provided. This proposal alongwith similar proposals in respect of other colonies, will be considered by Government in the next financial year on merits, depending upon availability of funds.

Hardship of Cotton Growers of Andhra Pradesh

3342. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the cotton growers particularly in Prakasham and Guntur Districts of Andhra Pradesh, are experiencing severe hardships due to the the failure of crops on account of drought and adulterated insecticide supply, and even leading to suicides by some of such farmers;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to extend the Crop Insurance Scheme in terms of 'land under crop' rather than credit supply to them by the banks and include some of these crops under the Scheme; and

(c) whether Government propose to gave additional financial sanctions to the State Government to tide under the severe crisis and to fulfil some of the scheme announced by State Government of Andhra Pradesh to redress the harships of the cotton growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The Government of India is aware that the cotton growers of Andhra Pradesh particularly of districts of Prakasham and Guntur are experiencing hardships due to failure of their crop. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported that some cotton farmers have committed suicide. There have been nor reports of wide-spead supply of inferior quality and adulterated pesticides in the country. However, there have been such reports in some areas of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) There is no proposal to extend crop insurance coverage to cotton and to cover non-loanee farmers.

(c) No such proposal is under the consideration of Government of India.

Suicide by Farmers due to Loss of cotton Crop in Andhra Pradesh

3343. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of cotton growers of Guntur and Prakasam districts of Andhra Pradesh had committed suicide recently due to crop failure and heavy indebtedness;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Centre has asked for a report from the State in this regard;